

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

June 10, 2014

Arts Commission Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Trevor Yager, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Jon Ford, Pam Hicks

Members via teleconference: Susan Hardwick, Nancy Stewart, Trevor Yager

Members absent: none

Arts Commission staff present: Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin, Lewis Ricci

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Commissioner Trevor Yager convened the meeting at 11:05 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Consent Agenda.** Commissioner Nancy Stewart moved to adopt the consent agenda, consisting of the agenda for today's meeting and the minutes from the March 21, 2014 meeting of the Executive Committee. Commissioner Pam Hicks seconded the motion. Roll call as follows

Pam Hicks	Y
Jon Ford	Y
Susan Hardwick	Y
Nancy Stewart	Y
Trevor Yager	Y

The motion passed.

3. **Financials.** Arts Commission Executive Director Lewis Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the FY 2014 budget, current through April 30, 2014. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the projected FY 2014 year-end budget through June 30, 2014. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the proposed FY 2015 Arts Commission budget. He reported that the Office of the Governor has mandated a 4.5% hold-back from all state agencies in their FY 2015 budgets, and that amount is reflected in the proposed Arts Commission budget. Mr. Ricci requested approval to withhold 1.5% of all grants for FY 2015 in the AOS III, AOS II, AOS I, APS categories, and the Regional Arts Partner operating grants. Commissioner Pam Hicks moved to recommend that the full Commission approve the proposed FY 2015 budget as presented, including the 1.5% reduction in the named

grant categories. Commissioner Nancy Stewart seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Pam Hicks	Y
Jon Ford	Y
Susan Hardwick	Y
Nancy Stewart	Y
Trevor Yager	Y

The motion passed.

4. Review of Proposed FY 2015 Grants. Mr. Ricci presented handouts (attached) showing the panel review scores and applicants recommended for approval in the grant categories of AOS III, Traditional Arts Indiana, Individual Artist Program, Regional Initiative Grants (AOS II, AOS I and APS), and Regional Arts Partners. Commissioner Stewart moved to recommend that the full Commission approve all FY 2015 grants as presented. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Pam Hicks	Y
Jon Ford	Y
Susan Hardwick	Y
Nancy Stewart	Y
Trevor Yager	Y

The motion passed.

5. Nominations for FY 2015 Arts Commission officers. The Executive Committee, empowered by the full Commission as Nominating Committee, presents for nomination: Trevor Yager (Chair), Pam Hicks (Vice-Chair), Kathy Anderson (Secretary). Commissioner Jon Ford moved to forward the nominations to the full Commission. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Pam Hicks	Y
Jon Ford	Y
Susan Hardwick	Y
Nancy Stewart	Y
Trevor Yager	Y

The motion passed.

6. Other Items for Consideration at Quarterly Business Meeting. Mr. Ricci opened a discussion of the qualifications for receiving Arts Commission operating support grants. The current qualifications for applying in the Arts Operating Support (AOS) categories are: 1) the applying organization does not receive other state funding; 2) the applying organization must specify “art” in its mission statement. Mr. Ricci explained that some organizations which would not otherwise be eligible to apply, are considering

adding the word “art” to their mission statements in order to become eligible. While it would not necessarily be an unwelcome development if more organizations truly were including “art” in their missions, operating support funding is a large portion of the Arts Commission budget; to greatly increase the number of grantees in these categories without overall growth in the budget would work to the detriment of other grantees in the pool, such as individual artists and arts projects. Mr. Ricci asks that the Commission consider a more exacting application and review process. Commissioner Yager agreed with the notion, suggesting that an organization could transition to operating support (AOS) funding only after successful arts project (APS) applications in the preceding two-or-three-year period. Also suggested was that an organization be required to amend its enabling legislation to officially include “art” in its core mission. Commissioner Stewart asked that Mr. Ricci prepare a one-page report for the full Commission at its next meeting, and that the issue should be taken up by the Programs, Grants & Services Committee for evaluation and recommendations.

7. Old Business/New Business. There was no old business; there was no new business.

8. Adjourn. Commissioner Hicks moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Pam Hicks	Y
Jon Ford	Y
Susan Hardwick	Y
Nancy Stewart	Y
Trevor Yager	Y

The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.